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Location

1. "The Svornost pit is located near the town of Jachymov. Within a radius of about 300 meters from either the pit or the town of Jachymov there is a forced labor camp for political prisoners, which provides a large percentage of labor for the Svornost pit. The pit itself is surrounded by a barbed wire fence, 2.30 meters high.

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Equipment

2. "One large hoist (Czech origin): five compressors with electric motors (Czech origin); narrow-gauge electric locomotives (Soviet origin, produced in the Soviet Zone of Germany); one large electric welding aggregate, five small electric aggregates; three autogen welding machines /sic/. Electric power for the pit comes from the power plants of Nove Sedlo /Sedlo, but not Nove Sedio, appears in the Czech gazetteer/, Loket district, and from the electric power plants of Kadan, passing through the transformer station in Ostrov.

Production

3. "The Svornost pit produces 3300 tons of material (uranium ore and stone)

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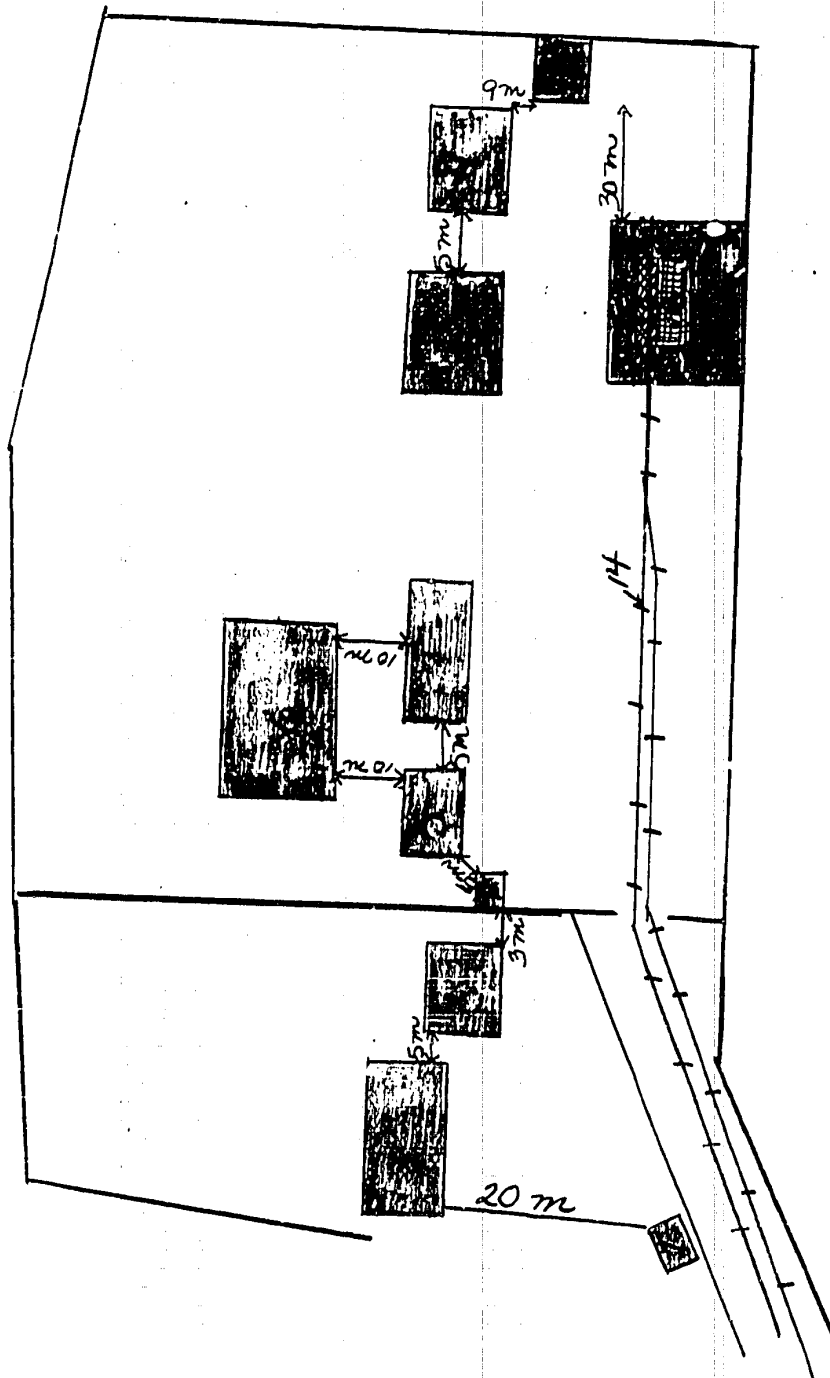
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- 1) "(New) gatekeeper's house: 6 x 3 x 4 m
- 2) Material depot: 5 x 7 x 8 m
- 3) Administration offices of the Svornost pit: 12 x 10 m, one-story high
- 4) Gatekeeper's house
- 5) Welding workshops
- 6) Mining Inspection I and II offices: 25 x 15 m, one-story high. This building houses the inspection and bookkeeping offices for the Svornost and Rovnost II pits.
- 7) Lard depot and locksmith workshop: 15 x 6 x 6 m
- 8) Hoist mechanism (machine) and transformer: 15 x 10 x 8 m
- 9) Building housing compressors: 20 x 10 x 10 m
- 10) Gatekeeper's house: 4 x 3 x 3 m
- 11) Uranium ore depot (bunkers): 6 x 3 x 5 m; the depot has equipment for the automatic loading of ore into cars.
- 12) Pit entrance: 5 x 2 m; this is connected with the southern side of the ore depot.
- 13) Lavatory and dressing room: 10 x 5 x 6 m
- 14) Two narrow-gauge rail lines which run between the Josefka pit and the Svornost pit."

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daily. [redacted] the material from Svornost is less radioactive than that from the Hovnost I pit. Production is hampered somewhat by the administrative order to conserve on explosives, which means that the miners have to load very heavy stones onto mining cars. The Svornost pit had fulfilled its Five Year Plan production quota 100 percent before September 1953, but the qualitative program quota was only 80 percent fulfilled.

Administrative and Other Personnel

4. "The Chief of Mine Inspection as of September 1953 was a Soviet mining engineer /fnu/ Maskovcov, [redacted]

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Security

5. "As of September 1953, the Security Officer for the Jachymov uranium district was Bura Theofil, a former mine foreman, [redacted]

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Wages

6. "The average wage for a miner is 2000 crowns a month, new currency /since 30 May 53/. Miners fulfilling socialist working obligations make 9000 crowns a month net. A carpenter working in the pit makes 1800 crowns a month; a mine foreman 1700 crowns a month (he does not work 'in accord' as the miners do); the women, working, mostly above ground, 800 crowns a month. The Soviet mining engineers make 600 crowns a month in Czechoslovakia, and an equivalent amount, in rubles, is transferred to a savings account in the USSR.

Morale

7. "The morale of the civilian workers is poor because the workers are discouraged by their small wages and exaggerated norms. Most of the workers eat in the kitchen of the pit. The food is poor, much worse than it was in the Valka refugee camp. About half of the miners live in private houses, and about half in the quarters belonging to the Jachymov Uranium Mines. Twice a month the workers are given political instruction, one hour each time. The workers are completely disinterested in the instruction."

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